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It's always darkest before the dawn—
if it ever comes...

BATMAN:
**ONE
DARK
KNIGHT**



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A 3-issue bare-knuckle
brawl through the blacked-out
streets of Gotham!

WRITTEN &
DRAWN BY

JOCK

FATE IS A VERY
DANGEROUS THING.

KNOWING THE
FUTURE OFTEN
MEANS BECOMING
A SLAVE TO
DESTINY.

AGHHHHH!

WHAT'S--?

A SCREAM.

IT MEANS BECOMING
EXACTLY WHAT WE FEAR.





OF COURSE, WHEN WE SEE
DOOM COMING TOWARD US...

FTT

...WE
FIGHT IT.

THP

I SEE
YOU.

HOW THE
HELL?



"...HE *WILL* TELL US WHERE
THE GREEN MAN IS."

The Kingdom of Storms.

ALL
RIGHT,
GREEN
MAN.

IT IS DONE,
CONSTANTINE.

AND
OLIVER?

THE RING
TOLD ME TO
LEAVE HIM.

DID IT?
RIGHT. WELL, YOU
CAN'T ARGUE WITH
JEWELRY.

"...I GUESS I'LL GO
TELL THE KING."

TOOOOON

GOOD,
ANISSA! BUT
LET'S WATCH
OUR AIM.

WE DON'T
WANT TO
BRING DOWN
ANY CASTLE
WALLS.

PERFECT,
JENNIFER!

KRAKOOOON

READY,
FATHER?

I'M READY,
JACOB.

STAND
BACK.





IT'S DONE.
THE GREEN MAN
DID IT.

JOR-EL
IS DEAD?

YEP. ONE
DOWN.



BUT LIKE I'VE ALWAYS
SAID, I'M NOT SURE IT'S
A GREAT IDEA.

IT WAS
YOUR PROPHECY,
CONSTANTINE.

YEAH.
AND, BEING A
PROPHECY, WHO
KNOWS WHAT
IT ACTUALLY
MEANT?

AND WHO
KNOWS IF THE
SITUATION IS
MADE WORSE BY
HIS DEATH?



THE ELS
REALLY DON'T
SEEM THAT
BAD.

ANYONE
DEMONSTRATING
ANY MAGICAL ABILITY IN
THEIR KINGDOM HAS
DISAPPEARED.

I DIDN'T
SAY THEY WERE
PERFECT.

BUT I'M
PRETTY SURE THE
MAGIC USERS THING
IS ONLY BECAUSE OF
THE BATMAN'S OWN
HANG-UPS.

THAT
MAN IS SO
MESSED
UP.



I CHOOSE
MY REALM, MY
PEOPLE, AND MY
CHILDREN.

CAN YOU
GUARANTEE THEIR
FUTURE WHILE THE
ALIENS LIVE?

I CAN ONLY
GUARANTEE ONE
THING, YOUR
MAJESTY...



"...YOU WILL HAVE PISSSED THEM OFF."

IT IS TIME FOR WAR.



WARS ARE DUMB, GENERAL WALLER.



THIS WAS ORDERED BY PIERCE. YOU KNOW THIS. HE HAS ASSASSINATED OUR KING. THERE MUST BE REPRISAL. THERE MUST BE JUSTICE!

JUSTICE, YES. BUT AS THE LAST SURVIVOR OF A WAR, I URGE YOU NOT TO SACRIFICE OTHERS BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN PERSONAL HURT.



ALFRED IS CORRECT. I WILL NOT SEND THOUSANDS OF INNOCENTS TO DIE FOR THE ACTIONS OF A FEW.

THEY WILL COME FOR YOU. YOUR KINGDOM NEEDS YOU. WILL YOU LEAD OR WAIT FOR DEATH?



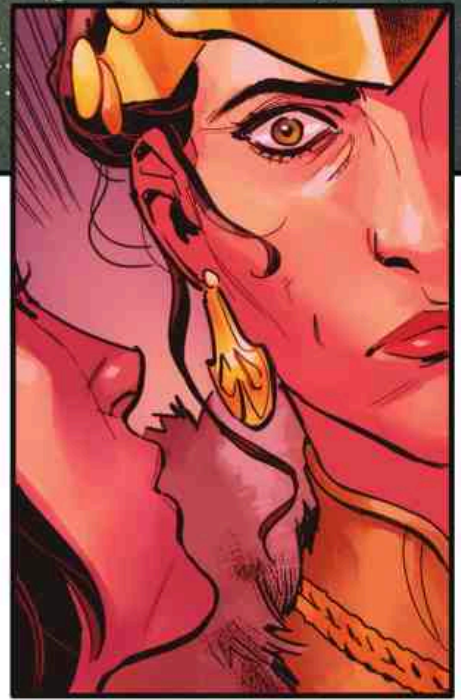
BRUCE? HELP US OUT HERE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IT IS NOT FOR BRUCE TO SAY!



"...OTHER KINGDOMS WOULD BE
DRAGGED INTO THAT CONFLICT."

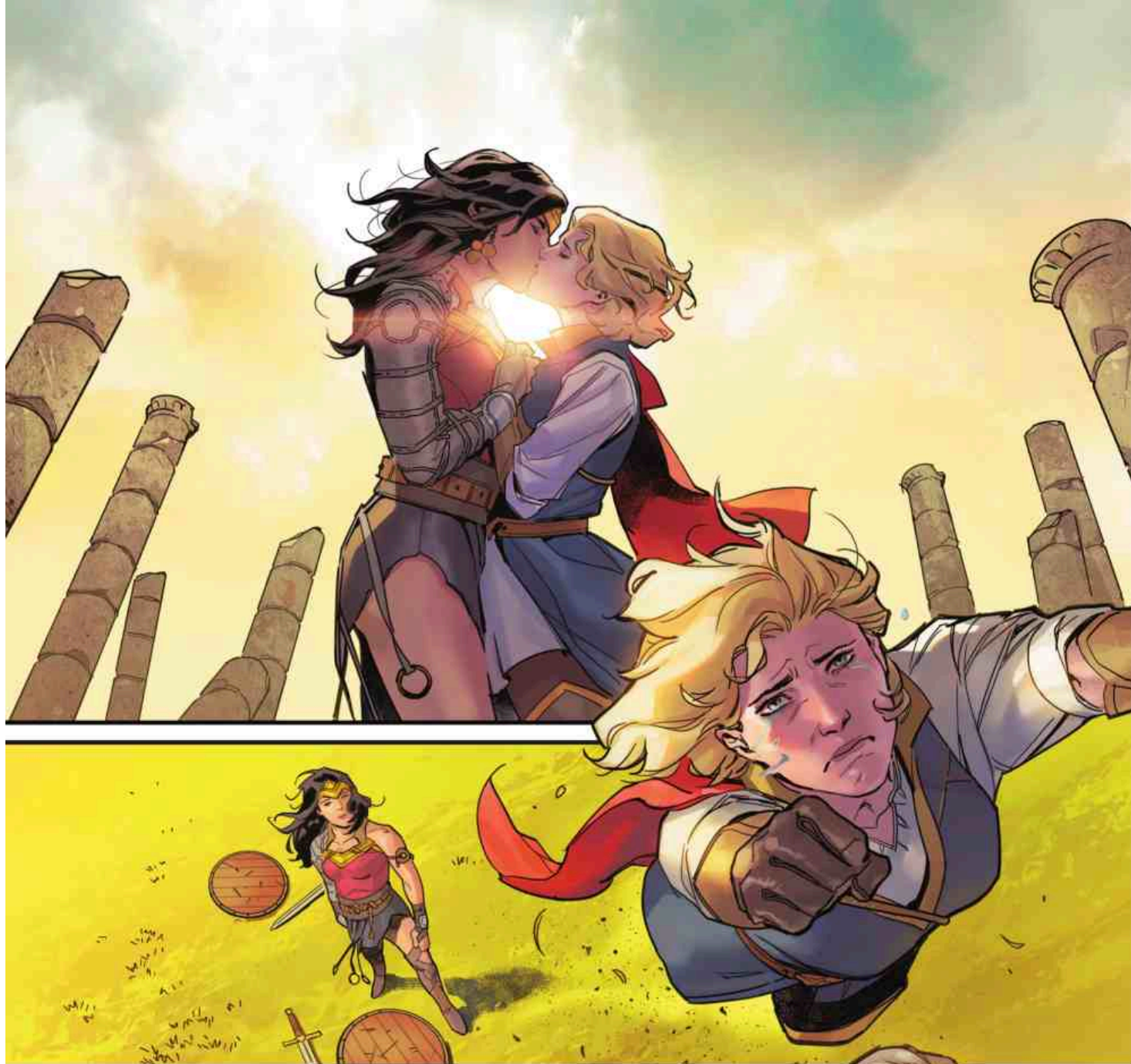
Amazon Island.



"...SHE IS
ON THE
TRAINING
FIELD."









STAND
ASIDE,
BRUCE!



I KNOW
YOU'RE
ANGRY.

BUT DO
NOT ACT
ON IT.

STAND.
ASIDE.



CRK



I ASSUME
THE ARCHER HAD
TWO ARMS WHEN
YOU FOUND
HIM?

HE
DID.

AND YOU
TELL ME NOT
TO ACT ON *MY*
ANGER.



LEAVE
US.

I DON'T
THINK THAT'S A
GREAT IDEA.



IT WAS NOT A
SUGGESTION.



I AM EMPLOYED TO ADVISE.

YOU'RE EMPLOYED TO *JUGGLE*.

I'M EMPLOYED TO DO BOTH. WANT TO SEE ME JUGGLE WHILE GIVING YOU ADVICE?



YOU SHOULD LOSE THE EARS ON YOUR HELMET.

THEY DON'T MAKE YOU LOOK INTIMIDATING. THEY MAKE ME WANT TO PAT YOU AND OFFER YOU TREATS.



BRUCE. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE PROPHECY COULD BE RIGHT?

THEY HAVE LOST THEIR WORLD. NOW LARA HAS LOST HER HUSBAND. KAL-EL, HIS FATHER.

I BELIEVE IN OUR QUEEN. BUT HOW MUCH LOSS CAN THEY ENDURE BEFORE THEY LASH OUT?

THESE ARE TREASONOUS WORDS, QUINN.



OH, STOP BEING YOU. THESE ARE HONEST WORDS, BRUCE. HONESTY IS NEVER TREASONOUS. IT'S THE MOST LOYAL THING THERE IS.

THE ELS LISTEN TO YOU. PLEASE. HELP ME TO STOP THEM MAKING A MISTAKE.



ALSO, LOCKING UP ALL THESE PEOPLE WITHOUT CRIME, AS A PRECAUTION...

BIT CRAPPY.



SHE'S RIGHT.

SHUT UP, MONKEY.



I CAN
KILL YOU WITH
A GLANCE.



YES.
I'M WELL
AWARE.

IT'S
ONE OF THE
REASONS YOU
AND YOUR KIND
HAVE TO BE
REMOVED.



MY
FATHER WAS
A GOOD
MAN.

IS THAT
WHAT YOU TRULY
BELIEVE?

YOU
THINK HE WAS A
MAN? HE WAS
NO MAN.



YOU
ARE NOT A
MAN.

YOU'RE
A MONSTER
AND YOU'VE
TOLD YOURSELF
A CONVINCING
LIE.

YOU'RE A
DESTROYER.
NOW, HURRY UP
AND KILL ME. LET'S
GET THIS OVER
WITH.



I'M
NOT GOING
TO KILL
YOU.

WHY
NOT?



BECAUSE I
AM NOT LYING
TO MYSELF.

WE'RE NOT
WHAT YOU THINK
WE ARE...



TOOOM





FATHER!

FATE IS A VERY DANGEROUS THING.



ZALA.

PUT HIM DOWN.



YES.

THAT'S THE IDEA, HUMAN.



KNOWING THE FUTURE OFTEN MEANS BECOMING A SLAVE TO DESTINY.

IT MEANS BECOMING
EXACTLY WHAT WE FEAR.



I'M
NOT SCARED
OF YOU, ALIEN.
I WILL MAKE IT
RAIN IN YOUR
LUNGS.

NO.

YOU
WON'T.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH WE
STRUGGLE...

...WE CAN BECOME
AGENTS OF OUR
OWN DOWNFALL.

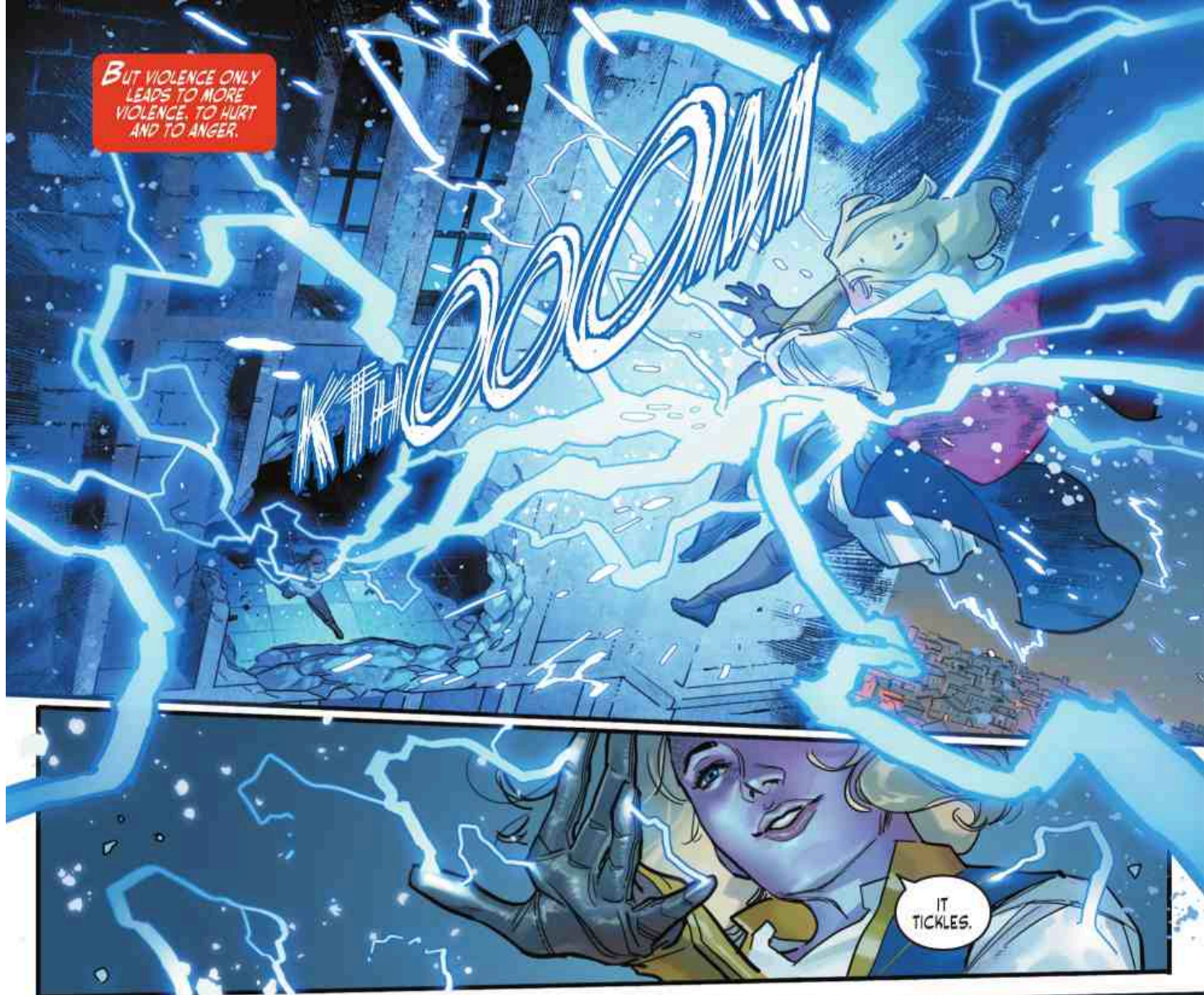


NO!



OF COURSE, WHEN
WE SEE DOOM
COMING TOWARD
US, WE FIGHT IT.

BUT VIOLENCE ONLY
LEADS TO MORE
VIOLENCE, TO HURT
AND TO ANGER.



DISTANT THUNDER

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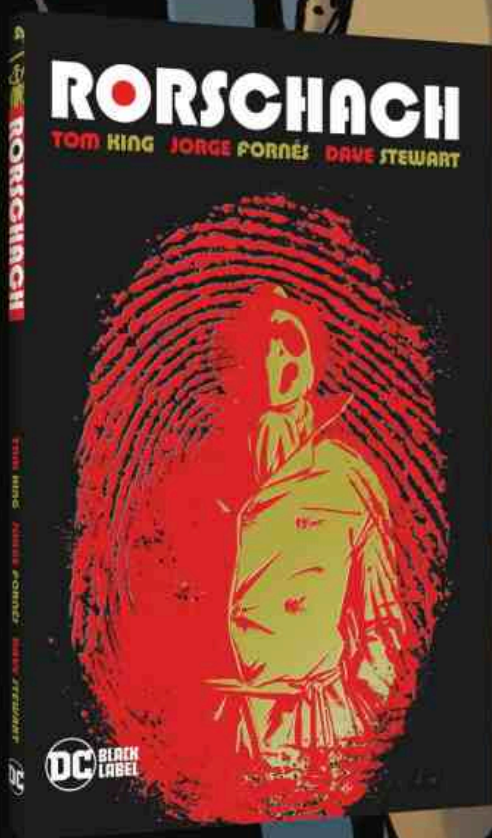
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He's back. Whoever he is.

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A graphic novel collection
of the acclaimed series



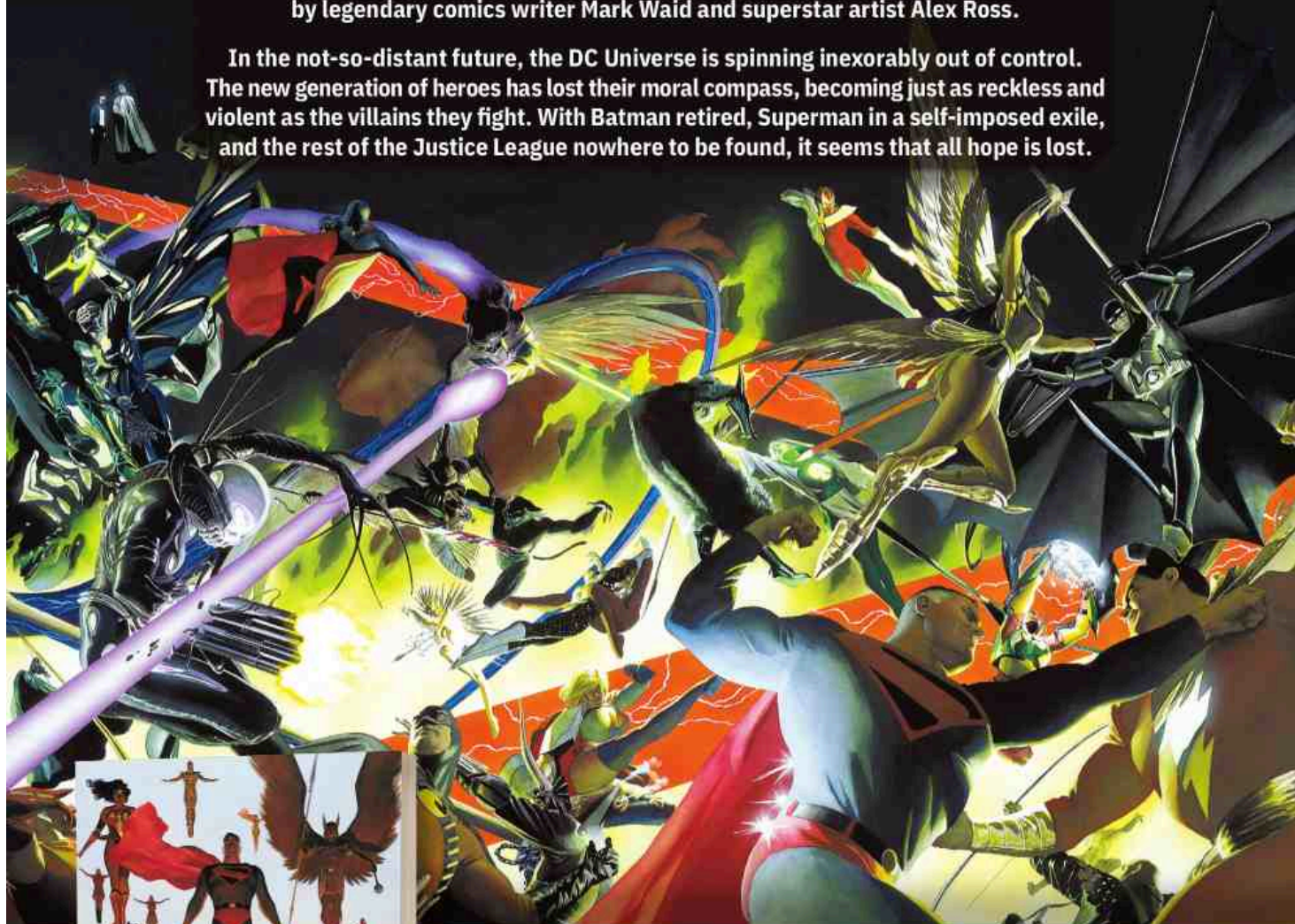
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KINGDOM COME

2021 marks the 25th anniversary of the seminal masterpiece *Kingdom Come* by legendary comics writer Mark Waid and superstar artist Alex Ross.

In the not-so-distant future, the DC Universe is spinning inexorably out of control. The new generation of heroes has lost their moral compass, becoming just as reckless and violent as the villains they fight. With Batman retired, Superman in a self-imposed exile, and the rest of the Justice League nowhere to be found, it seems that all hope is lost.



After a cataclysmic event costs the lives of millions, the Justice League—led by a rejuvenated Superman—returns to bring balance back to the world. However, the new guard will not go down quietly. A battle is coming between the uncompromising protectors and an untamed group of young powerhouses—one that will define what heroism truly is.

No DC fan should miss out on reading this classic graphic novel that the *Washington Examiner* calls “One of the best comic stories ever told.”

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